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## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 1 5 POST OFFICE SQUARE, SUITE 100 BOSTON, MA 02109-3912

## <u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

FEB 1 0 2014

Brian Ahem Plant Manager Casco Bay Energy 125 Shore Road Veazie, Maine 04401

Re:

Notice of Noncompliance Regarding the Chemical Accident Requirements of the

Clean Air Act for Casco Bay Energy, Veazie, ME.

Dear Mr. Ahem:

On September 19, 2012 representatives of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted an inspection of the above-referenced facility. The purpose of the inspection was to determine the compliance of Casco Bay Energy with the Chemical Accident Provisions of Section 112(r)(7) of the federal Clean Air Act (CAA).

The Chemical Accident Provisions of Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7412 (r)(7) and 40 CFR Part 68, require facilities which produce, handle, process, distribute, or store certain chemicals to develop a Risk Management Program, prepare a Risk Management Plan, and submit the plan to EPA. The plan must be revised and resubmitted to EPA every five years, or as otherwise required by 40 CFR § 68.190.

Based upon EPA's inspection of your facility on April 18, 2012 and a review of other information, EPA has determined that Casco Bay Energy failed to:

- address all hazards of the covered process in the hazard review (40 CFR § 68.50);
- develop an emergency shutdown procedure for the transfer of the ammonia (40 CFR § 68.52(b));
- inspect and test an ammonia detector (40 CFR § 68.56(d));
- close and secure all electrical boxes (40 CFR § 68.56(d));
- label and/or tag all process piping, process components and tanks (40 CFR § 68.65(d)(2));
- perform, document and retain compliance audits (40 CFR § 68.58);

Notice is hereby given that Casco Bay Energy failed to meet all the requirements of Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act. Within 30 days of receipt of this Notice, please submit a description of actions taken to address the violations listed above. The information should be sent to:

Jim Gaffey, Chemical Engineer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Environmental Stewardship
RCRA, EPCRA and Federal Programs Unit
Mail Code OES05-1
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
Boston, MA 02109-3912

Failure to correct the violations as required by this Notice may subject Casco Bay Energy to further federal enforcement action, including the assessment of penalties.

If you have any questions concerning this Notice of Noncompliance or regarding Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act, please contact Jim Gaffey at (617) 918-1753.

Sincerely,

Susan Studlien, Director

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Office of Environmental Stewardship

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1

cc: Jim Gaffey, EPA Region I